



### *CSU Chancellor Timothy White Visits CSUB on "Innovations in the Learning Environment" Tour*

We were honored to host **CSU Chancellor Timothy White** Thursday evening and all day Friday on his second visit to

CSUB. The Chancellor attended the President's Associates Dinner and met students in our Student Research Scholars program, their faculty mentors, and the donors who support their research. He met separately Friday with groups of staff, faculty, and students; answered questions in a campus open forum; visited an environmental engineering course; toured the Fab Lab; attended a student presentation in the CSU Student Research Competition taking place at CSUB; and held a press conference. Chancellor White remarked on the student-centeredness of our quarter-to-semester transition and our faculty's decision to transform our General Education curriculum to prepare our students for the future. We thank the Chancellor for his time and attention to each campus and the communities each serves.

### *CSUB Hosts CSU Student Research Competition*

In addition to welcoming Chancellor White for a campus visit, we also hosted the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual CSU Student Research Competition on campus Thursday and Friday. The competition recognizes outstanding undergraduate and graduate research in all disciplines system-wide. Students were judged on oral presentation and written abstracts by jurists from corporations, colleges and universities, and foundations.



### *John Nilon ('79, '88) Appointed as Alumni Trustee to the CSU Board of Trustees*

**John Nilon** ('79, '88), County Administrative Officer for the County of Kern, has been named Alumni Trustee to the 25-

member CSU Board of Trustees. John is the first Alumni Trustee from Bakersfield and the first Trustee from Bakersfield since **Martha Fallgatter's** 1987 appointment by then-Governor Dukemejian. John will serve a two-year non-salaried term beginning July 1, 2016. He was elected by the CSU Alumni Council through a highly competitive process. He will be the voice of alumni throughout the system and represent their interests. John has served as a member of the CSUB Alumni Association Board, president of the board, a member of the CSUB Foundation Board, and a member of the CSU Alumni Council. He was inducted into the CSUB Alumni Hall of Fame in 2014 for his dedication to the University, the CSU system, and the students of Kern County. I am confident John will be a valued member of the CSU Board of Trustees. Please join me in congratulating him on his new position as CSU Alumni Trustee.



### *Men's Basketball Coach Rod Barnes Voted Western Athletics Conference Coach of the Year*

Men's basketball head coach **Rod Barnes** was named Western Athletic Conference (WAC) Don Haskins Coach of the Year after leading the team to their best NCAA Division I season. The Roadrunners were

ranked as the No. 2 seed in the WAC Tournament and, after winning the championship, earned the No. 15 seed in the West Region of the NCAA Division I Championships. Coach Barnes also was named Southeastern Conference (SEC) Coach of the Year and Naismith National Coach of the Year in 2001 after leading Ole Miss to the NCAA Division I Sweet Sixteen.

### *Alpha Chi Honor Society at Nationals*

Eight members of our Alpha Chi Honors Society attended the national convention in Arlington, Virginia this month where all eight student gave presentations. In addition, **Robyn Musick**, a Nursing major, was elected to the Alpha Chi National Council and **Dr. Jacquelyn Kegley**, CSUB sponsor for the California Iota chapter, was elected Vice President of Region VII.



### *Campus Beautification Award*

Congratulations to our most recent Campus Beautification Award winners. The CSUB Wrestling Team won for February, 2016 for their adopted area, the J. Antonino Sports Center. The General Accounting Team won for their adopted area, Administration West. The purpose of the Campus Beautification Committee (CBC) is to beautify the CSUB campus through education and by example of the prideful participation of the University community. Each month, the CBC

Monthly Selection Committee tours the campus to see which adopted area is the most litter-free. The committee is proud to recognize members of our campus community each month for their outstanding contributions toward keeping CSUB beautiful. If you are interested in adopting an area or wish to learn more about the CBC, visit [http://www.csub.edu/about\\_csub/beautify/](http://www.csub.edu/about_csub/beautify/).



Wrestling – February, 2016



General Accounting – March, 2016

### *American Association of Blacks in Higher Education – Harold Delaney Leadership Award*

I was honored to receive the Harold Delaney Exemplary Educational Leadership Award from the American Association of Blacks in Higher Education (AABHE) at their annual conference earlier this month. The award “goes to those individuals whose lives and careers have helped to advance issues of access and opportunities for Black Americans

in higher education. Additionally, their scholarly writing, research, theories and practices have assisted in enhancing the Black American presence in higher education.” I thank AABHE for the honor.

### *Upcoming Events*

Please take note of upcoming spring events:

#### **May 1**

Alpha Chi Honors Convocation and Helen Hawk Honors Program Awards

#### **May 6-7**

30<sup>th</sup> Annual Bakersfield Jazz Festival at CSUB

#### **May 10**

Grad Fair, Antelope Valley

#### **May 11-12**

Grad Fair, Runner Bookstore

#### **May 12**

Athletics Spring Barbecue

Whether you are looking for academic, alumni, arts & culture, campus life, community, sports, or a calendar of highlight events, find them on [RunnerCal](#). Access the calendar from our website by clicking the “Events” link at the bottom of the home page.

### *University Council*

University Council is an open forum for members of the campus community to voice concerns or make suggestions for continued improvement. All faculty, staff, and students are welcome to attend. The next meeting will take place at 10:00 a.m., Friday, May 20, 2016 in the Albertson Room.

I look forward to seeing you around campus, or at an upcoming University or community event. Take care.



Horace Mitchell  
President